

Minutes of the Howey-in-the-Hills Town Council Meeting Held March 14, 2011

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of March 14, 2011 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Troop No. 254 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilor Hall led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, Councilor Ernest, Councilor Hall, Councilor Richardson, Town Attorney Blom-Ramos and Town Clerk Brasher

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the February 14, 2011 Town Council Meeting, February 28, 2011 Special Session, and February 28, 2011 Work Session

Councilor Ernest, seconded by **Councilor Hall**, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Lease Agreement with DEX Imaging in the Amount of \$165.00 Per Month for 60 Months for Town Hall. Current Lease Agreement is Expiring and is \$245.00 per Month

Town Clerk Brasher gave detailed background on this item. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Ernest, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel**, moved to table this item. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Discussion: Paving Schedule/Condition

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item and discussed paving goals. He said there is a new procedure called micro surfacing, which may be an option. He further discussed the pavement schedule/condition and asked the Town Council to drive the streets and bring back recommendations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel asked if E. Lakeview Avenue was in worse condition than Lakeshore Blvd. **Mayor Sears** said E. Lakeview Avenue may be in worse shape today than it was when the chart was done by Lake County. **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** said the MPO has discussed the micro surfacing and asked what the shelf life was. **Mayor Sears** said it has the life span of regular paving; it just has to be applied correctly. **Councilor Ernest** said some of the streets need repaired before they are paved and asked if that had been done in the past. **Mayor Sears** said he thought they were repaired then paved. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading of Ordinance 2011-001, Pertaining to Unpaid Water Fees and Charges; Adding a New Section 171-15.1 to Chapter 171 of the Town's Code of Ordinances Entitled "Lien for Unpaid Fees and Charges; Liability For Fees and Charges"; Providing for Codification; Repealing All Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions; Providing for Severability; Providing an Effective Date.

Mayor Sears read by title only, Ordinance 2011-001.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Mayor Sears said he would like to lien the property as this will trigger a red flag and the Town may be able to collect more outstanding money owed.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, seconded by Councilor Ernest, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2011-001. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Town Clerk Brasher gave detailed background on this item. A lengthy discussion ensued. **Mayor Sears** said the item could be discussed when the auditor presents the audit.

It was a consensus of the Town Council to table this item.

Councilor Richardson asked when the Personnel Policy will be coming forward. **Mayor Sears** said he will answer that under his comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Ernest said the Howey Men's Club has asked to do the Christmas Festival.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to add this item to the April agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel gave detailed background on the handouts provided this evening with regards to SJRWMD.

Councilor Hall said he is working on cleaning up Lake Illinois which is located behind the water plant. He discussed the chili cook-off and said for those who are interested in entering to bring a crock pot of chili with tables and electric being provided. **Councilor Ernest** asked to hold it during the time change which would draw more people. **Patty Ritson** said the advertising is not getting out and posters are needed.

Councilor Richardson-None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Sears noted the following:

- Consumptive Use Permit has been submitted and the Town is now monitoring one wetland instead of three. Discussion ensued.
- He met with Mr. Bouis representative and Janet Shira with regards to a conceptual plan which will come forward.

- He attend the Boy Scouts Charter meeting last evening and they will be coming before the Town Council with the chapter at the next meeting.
- The audit is complete and expects to have it at the April meeting.
- Personnel Manual may come before the Town Council at the second meeting in March, which is the first section of general business.
- The midyear budget review will be the 2nd meeting in April.
- Discussed the tree pruning and there was \$4,000 of additional of work not included in the proposal.
- Said the Public Works has been cleaning along Lakeshore Blvd. and preparing for the tree pruning along with the spray schedule and temporary labor is being used. **Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel** said the lakeshore has never looked so good since she has lived here.
- Said the second meetings of each month will be for review of the Personnel Policy meetings at the 2nd meeting in June.

Councilor Ernest asked about the valve. **Mayor Sears** said Rural Water Association is bringing leak detection equipment and Utility Tech will be on site as well to troubleshoot the problem.

Councilor Ernest asked if the Town can look into the costs to mail the tribune with bulk rate. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patty Ritson said she was curious about having an informational meeting about Sunshine Law Meeting. Discussion ensued. **Town Clerk Brasher** said Lake County League of Cities will be again hosting a workshop on May 14 and she will send out notices once the information is official.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:02 P.M.

ATTEST:



Brenda Brasher, CMC
Town Clerk



Chris Sears, Mayor